

## SEWER LATERAL

In order to be considered for approval,\* the following conditions must be met:

- Laterals must have been installed in accordance with applicable specifications;
- Location of the lateral and clean-out must be submitted to and approved by the Town Administrator;
- The main shall not be located more than 35 feet from the property line;
- The lateral must be in an acceptable condition as determined by the Town Administrator;
- The lateral must not cross the private property of a third party;
- The lateral must contain a clean-out at the property line within a public access easement.



\*In any event, the property owner will be responsible for repairs & maintenance of the entire sewer lateral if the problems are due to negligence or inappropriate activities on the part of the property owner/occupant.

## FINAL STEP

In order for the Town to accept maintenance responsibility, the property owner must:

- Provide a public access easement 5 feet around the meter or cleanout in a form approved by the Town Attorney & accepted by Town Council, to be recorded at his expense.
- Verify the line is not part of a privately maintained system that is the responsibility of multiple property owners or an HOA.

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# WATER & SEWER LATERAL MAINTENANCE POLICY



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## Purpose

The Middleburg Town Code makes the Town responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Town's water and wastewater collection systems (mains) and treatment works. It also makes the owner of the premise served responsible for the maintenance and repair of private service lines (laterals) as specified in the Town's Supplemental Water & Sewer Regulations as adopted by the Town Council.

### Responsibility for Water & Sewer Lateral Maintenance

As the property owner, you are responsible for all repairs and maintenance of the lateral(s) serving your property unless the Town has agreed to accept responsibility. Even then, the Town will only assume responsibility for the portion of the lateral that lies between the main and the meter (water) or property line (sewer).

### Application for Town to Accept Responsibility

If you wish for the Town to consider accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the portion of your lateral(s) from the main to the meter/property line, please submit an application to the Town Office.

Applications are available at the Town Office or online at [www.townofmiddleburg.org](http://www.townofmiddleburg.org).

### Water Lateral

In order to be considered for approval, the following conditions must be met:

- Laterals must have been installed in accordance with applicable specifications;
- Exact location of the lateral & meter must be submitted to and approved by the Town Administrator;
- Water meter must be located in the right-of-way or within five (5) feet of the property line in a public access easement;
- The length of the lateral from the main to the meter shall be no more than 35 feet;
- The lateral cannot cross the private property of a third person;
- The lateral must be in an acceptable condition as determined by the Town Administrator; and
- The meter must not be located in a building.

**Private lateral**—Is the individual water and/or sewer line that connects your building/dwelling to the Town's main line.

